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MEDIA REMINDER

PUBLIC HEARING IN JOPLIN ON PROPOSED RULES PERMITTING ELECTRIC UTILITIES TO CHANGE RATES IN RESPONSE TO CHANGES IN FUEL AND PURCHASED POWER COSTS

JEFFERSON CITY—The Missouri Public Service Commission will hold a local public hearing in **Joplin** seeking comment on proposed rules which would permit electric companies to change rates, through implementation of a surcharge, in response to changes in the company's fuel and purchased power costs.

The Commission is considering proposed rules that would implement the Electric Fuel and Purchased Power Adjustment Clause (FAC) portion of Senate Bill 179.

The Joplin local public hearing schedule appears below:

September 6, 2006

Joplin

6:30 pm-10:00 pm*

Missouri Southern State University

Webster Hall

3950 E. Newman Road

*** For the first 30 minutes, the PSC Staff will hold an informal question and answer session. The public hearing will begin after that and will be held during the time period listed above or until all persons who wish to testify have had an opportunity to do so, whichever is sooner.**

Proposed rules implementing a fuel adjustment surcharge have been filed with the Missouri Secretary of State. The public comment period began on July 17, 2006 and will continue until September 7, 2006.

Written comments should be sent to the Secretary of the Missouri Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 360, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102. Comments may also be submitted by an electronic filing using the Commission's electronic filing and information system at: https://www.efis.psc.mo.gov/mpsc/cqs/public_comments.asp All comments should reference the case number (EX-2006-0472).

In the 2005 legislative session, Senate Bill 179 was passed and became law. The law went into effect on January 1, 2006. This legislation provides the Commission with the ability to consider implementation of a FAC during an electric rate case proceeding.

Adoption of proposed rules by the Public Service Commission would determine the guidelines under which an electric utility company could request a fuel adjustment surcharge as part of a rate case where all of its costs of providing service to its customers would be considered. Under the proposed rules, the Commission has the discretion to approve, modify or reject any fuel adjustment mechanism after hearing and considering all relevant factors.